

End of Year Expectations for the Foundation Stage

Each area of learning in the EYFS curriculum has early learning goals. These set out the skills, understanding, knowledge and attitudes which it is expected most children will reach by the end of their reception year. Children will be at different stages of progress towards these goals depending on their age and stage of development.

Age related statements in the curriculum are used to describe children's typical progress towards the goals from birth to the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Of course all children are individual and not all will fit into this typical pattern of progress. We understand this and plan our curriculum accordingly. Children learn best from experiences that are suitable for their stage of development. Play is key to the way young children learn. Through play, children will develop the confidence needed to learn. This will enable them to master more quickly the skills, knowledge and understanding required for later life.

The Early Learning Goals

By the end of Reception children are assessed against seventeen early learning goals. The criteria for assessment is if a child is working towards (emerging), meeting (expected), or (exceeding) the early learning goals.

You, as parents/carers are your child's first teacher and the support and encouragement you provide will help them to learn more effectively. We always encourage parents to come and ask us how they can support their child's learning and development so that we can work together to help every child.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Making relationships

Early Learning Goal: Children play co-operatively, taking turns with others. They take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity. They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Self confidence and Self awareness

Early Learning Goal: Children are confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others. They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. They say when they do or don't need help.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Managing Feelings and Behaviour

Early Learning Goal: Children talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. They work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules. They adjust their behaviour to different situations,

Physical Development

Physical Development: Moving and Handling

Early Learning Goal: Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.

Physical Development: Health and Self-care

Early Learning Goal: Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe. They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.

Communication and Language

Communication and Language: Listening and Attention

Early Learning Goal: Children listen attentively in a range of situations. They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.

Communication and Language: Understanding

Early Learning Goal: Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

Communication and Language: Speaking

Early Learning Goal: Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future. They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.

Literacy

Reading

Early Learning Goal: Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

Writing

Early Learning Goal: Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

Mathematics

Numbers

Early Learning Goal: Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

Shape Space and Measures

Early Learning Goal: Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems. They recognise, create and describe patterns. They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

Understanding the World

Understanding the World: People and Communities

Early Learning Goal: Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

<u>Understanding the World: The World</u>

Early Learning Goal: Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

Understanding the World: Technology

Early Learning Goal: Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes.

Expressive Arts and Design

Expressive arts and Design: Exploring and Using Media and Materials

Early Learning Goal: Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them. They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

Expressive arts and Design: Being Imaginative

Early Learning Goal: Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.